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Louisiana Board of Ethics  
P.O. Box 4368  
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Re: City of Covington - Request for Opinion

Dear Board members:

One of our Councilmen, Larry Rolling, presently owns a 100 percent interest in Northshore Images In Stitches, LLC (formerly LA Logos and Promos, LLC), which is a business located in District D in the city limits of Covington. The business has been open for the past 16 years and has produced and sold City of Covington logo merchandise.

Councilman Rolling was sworn into office on July 1, 2011 as Councilman for District D and was re-elected for a second term and sworn into office on July 1, 2015.

In order to comply with the ethics laws of Louisiana, we respectfully request three separate opinions from your office on the following scenarios:

Scenario 1. The City of Covington occasionally co-hosts events in Covington with the Covington Heritage Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Is it permissible for Councilman Rolling's company to provide the imprinting services for items to be used at these events, payment of which will be made through the Covington Heritage Foundation's bank account? These items will be imprinted with the Covington Heritage Foundation's logo only. It should be noted

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Councilman, District "E"

that the City of Covington does not make any financial contributions to the Covington Heritage Foundation.

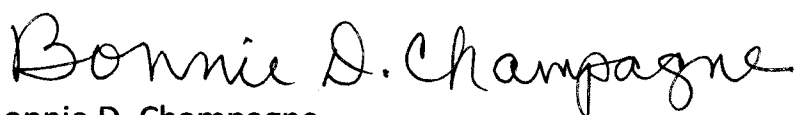
Scenario 2. The City of Covington occasionally co-hosts events in Covington with private, for-profit companies. Is it permissible for Councilman Rolling's company to provide the imprinting services for items to be used at these events, payment of which will be made through the private, for-profit company's bank account? These items will be imprinted with the logos of the private, for-profit company and the City of Covington.

Scenario 3. A private company purchases items from Councilman Rolling's company that would have the City logo and the private company's logo imprinted on them, payment of which will be made through the private company's bank account. Is it permissible for the private company to donate those items to the City to be handed out at events co-hosted by both the private company and City?

If you need any other information, please contact the Council office at (985) 898-4722 or Councilman Rolling at (985) 502-8586.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie D. Champagne".

Bonnie D. Champagne  
Council Clerk

cc: Councilman Larry Rolling  
Council President Lee S. Alexius  
Mayor Mike Cooper  
Julian J. Rodrigue, Jr., City Attorney